The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Martello with a moment of silent prayer. Mike Martello led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michael Martello, President
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President
John Bartimole
Laurie A. Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Steven H. Hamed
Michiko McElfresh
George Pancio

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Millie Jedrosko, CSE Chair
Kim Ackerman, District Teacher
Amy Martin, District Teacher
Pearl Bowker, District Teacher/OTA President
Linda Nottingham, District Teacher
Joanne Hurlburt, District Teacher Aide
Susan Baglione, District Teacher Aide
Barb Volz, District Teacher Aide
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald

Public Comments:
Susan Baglione – 2256 Sheldron Drive, Allegany – commented regarding the abolishment of her full-time teacher aide positions. She noted she has worked for the district for many years loves her position. Susan noted she does not feel she is qualified for the other part-time aide positions that she could bump. She also needs the health insurance.

Barbara Volz – 1103 W. Henley Street, Olean - commented regarding the abolishment of her full-time teacher aide positions. She noted she has worked for the district for 19+ years. She also enjoys her position. Barbara also needs the health insurance.
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add agenda item o. to agenda item 9. New Business and add (1) Specific Employee Performance Issue to agenda item 14. Executive Session.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

- Cattaraugus County Legislature Resolution – Girls’ Basketball Team
- Good News Award Recipients – Christine Bartimole, Youth Award (OHS Student); Olean High School Students’ Activity Council, Youth Award; Project Lead the Way, Culture Award

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. Reading First Program Funding Reduction (86%)
2. Prom Breathalyzer
3. High School Restoration Project Update
4. Removal of Decayed Trees – Replacement of Trees
5. Capital Project – June 17th Vote – May and June Public Meetings
6. BOCES IPA - Technology

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meetings held on March 11th and March 25th be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated March 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for February 29, 2008 through March 28, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the March 2008 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $578.15 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending March 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

f. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean High School’s Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMS Whale Watch Club’s request to travel to Boston, MA from May 29, 2008 through May 31, 2008.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMS and OHS participation in the Houghton Spring String Festival from May 23, 2008 through May 26, 2008.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a special meeting be held on May 21, 2008 at 12:00 noon for certification of the May 20, 2008 Olean Board of Education Election Results.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2008-2009 School Calendar be approved as presented.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___1___  Motion Carried
(S. Hamed)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the refund awarded to Win Olean Property Associates by the State of New York Supreme Court, Index # 72822, 72824, and 72825 & 71419, on April 2, 2008, in the amount of $3,472.15 for school taxes, on tax map # 94..065-3-32, 94.065-3-17, 94.065-3-18 be transferred from the General Fund Refund of Real Property Tax Account to the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___2___  Motion Carried
(I. Katzenstein, G. Pancio)

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to sell the District’s two obsolete Randall pottery wheels to the Cattaraugus County Arts Council for $50 each.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Abstained __1___  Motion Carried
(I. Katzenstein – on Art’s Council Board)

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2008-09Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___2___  Motion Carried
(M. McElfresh, G. Pancio)
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Board of Education cast its votes in the Annual Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the following:

CAST ONE (1) VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY ...

Area 3 (Belfast, Cuba-Rushford, Fillmore) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Gilbert Green, 4328 State Route 305, Cuba, NY 14727

Area 7 (Franklinville, Hinsdale & West Valley) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Robert Keenan, 5112 Steward Road, Hinsdale, NY 14743

Area 6 (Salamanca & Ellicottville) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Maxine Dowler, 253 State Park Avenue, Salamanca, NY 14779

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the $50,000 Phyllis G. Cridler Family Trust Scholarship.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish two (2) full-time Teacher Aide positions effective June 27, 2008.

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by J. Bartimole, to Table this Motion.

John Bartimole  VOTING  YES
Laurie Branch  VOTING  YES
Gordon Cross  VOTING  YES
Eric Garvin  VOTING  YES
Steven H. Hamed  VOTING  YES
Ira Katzenstein  VOTING  YES
Michael Martello  VOTING  YES
Michiko McElfresh  VOTING  YES
George Pancio  VOTING  YES

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the Olean City School District's Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Plan.

Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and P&A Administrative Services, Inc. to provide technical and administrative services with respect to the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Plan for the 2008-2009 school year at the rate outlined in Schedule A.

Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that due to the enacted NYS Budget and resulting increase in projected state aid for the 2008-2009 fiscal year that the proposed general fund estimated revenues be increased by $90,000 to reduce the District's 2008 estimated tax levy increase from 4.73% to 3.94%.

Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the expenditure of $3,000 for the Bradner Stadium Feasibility Study.

Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Michael Howden, Cook at the Olean High School, effective April 18, 2008.

Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to extend the unpaid Leave of Absence for Melanie L. Meyers, Grade 3 Teacher, East View Elementary School, from April 21, 2008 through June 27, 2008.

Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer Crawford be granted a non-conditional three-year probationary appointment in the Elementary tenure area retroactive to August 29, 2007. The probationary service shall end on August 29, 2010. The appointee is certified in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6 certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jennifer Crawford, during the first year of this appointment, will be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers’ Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 7, with a Master’s Degree and 36 graduate hours or outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($45,860).

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Caroline Woodhead as a NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kristina Cashimere as a NON-CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jacqueline Elliott and Daryl Johnson as CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michael Buchanan, Daniel Cuddy, Alton Eaton, Jeffrey Losinger, and Seth Palmer as CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE CLEANERS for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
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The Board of Education discussed the following items:
   a. Presentation – NYSED Focus Review Update – Marcie Richmond
   b. Policy # 5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use – First Reading
   c. Policy # 7131 - Non-Resident Students – Second Reading

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:
   a. Laurie Branch presented the Audit Committee Report
   b. Steve Hamed presented the Building and Grounds Committee Report
   c. Laurie Branch presented the Finance Committee Report
   d. Ira Katzenstein presented the Outreach Committee Report

The Board of Education discussed the following items:
   a. State Aid

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McEflresh, to adjourn from Regular
Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations and
one (1) specific employee performance issue at 9:00 p.m. Lynn Corder, Director of
Personnel was invited to attend the Executive Session.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session
and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:39 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of
Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation
reviewed on April 22nd be approved:

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| 900456183 | 900455854 |
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| 900455995 | 900455868 |

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendations reviewed on April 22nd be approved:

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Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Ayes __9__  Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

April 29, 2008